

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Original) Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising:

- a welt core, and
- a laterally protruding welt flap,

characterised in that the welt flap comprises at least one fastening element integrally formed therewith.

2. (Original) Welt according to claim 1, characterised in that the fastening element protrudes laterally from the welt flap.

3. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim 1~~and 2~~, characterised in that the welt has a longitudinal axis and a transverse axis, the welt core is formed elongate along the transverse axis of the welt and the fastening element protrudes laterally in the longitudinal direction of the welt flap.

4. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, characterised in that the fastening element is a first fastening element between a welt core end and. free end of the welt flap.

5. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that there is a second fastening element at the free end of the welt flap.

6. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the first and second fastening elements are arranged on opposing
peripheral ends of the welt flap.

7. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the first and second fastening elements are rod-shaped.

8. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the first fastening element extends in the direction of the welt-core end of
the welt flap and the second fastening element extends to the free end of the welt flap.

9. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim ~~7 or 8~~, characterised in that
the angle between the rod-shaped first and/or second fastening element and the welt flap is 42°.

10. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the distance between the welt-flap ends of the first and second fastening
elements along the welt flap is substantially one third of the entire length of the welt flap.

11. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~,
characterised in that the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free end of
the welt flap in an anchor-shape.

12. (Original) Welt according to claim 11, characterised in that the anchor tips of
the fastening element lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

13. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterised in that the fastening element is a first fastening element formed at the free of the welt flap in a Christmas-tree shape.

14. (Original) Welt according to claim 13, characterised in that the branches of the Christmas-tree shaped first fastening element extend to the welt core end of the welt flap and lie in a plane parallel to the longitudinal axis of the welt core.

15. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 11 to 14~~, characterised in that in the area of the welt core end of the welt flap, there is a rod-shaped second fastening element protruding substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the welt flap at opposing peripheral ends of the welt flap.

16. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 15~~, characterised in that the first and/or second fastening element is provided with recesses in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

17. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 5 to 16~~, characterised in that the distance between adjoining first and/or second fastening elements in the longitudinal direction is substantially equal to the length of the first and/or second fastening element in the longitudinal direction of the welt.

18. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, characterised in that the fastening element is cylindrical with a recess around the welt flap.

19. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ 1, characterised in that the welt core has a circular section.

20. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the welt flap has a rod-shaped section.

21. (Original) Welt according to claim 1, characterised in that the fastening
element is a recess on the welt flap.

22. (Original) Welt according to claim 21, characterised in that the recess passes
through an angular range of 360 around the periphery of the welt flap.

23. (Original) Welt according to claim 21, characterised in that the recess is in
the interior of the welt flap and the recess is bottle-head shaped.

24. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the welt core is made of rubber.

25. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the welt flap is made of weldable polypropylene.

26. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the welt core has decorative material folded around the welt core,
connected on the internal side therewith.

27. (Original) Welt according to claim 26, characterised in that the decorative
material is a mesh fabric, synthetic or genuine leather or another textile.

28. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim 26 ~~or 27~~, characterised in
that the welt flap extends beyond the decorative material.

29. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of claims 26 to 28~~,
characterised in that the decorative material terminates flush with the fastening element.

30. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the welt core and the welt flap are formed in one piece.

31. (Currently Amended) Welt according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
1, characterised in that the rigidity of the welt flap is greater than the rigidity of the welt core.

32. (Original) Welt according to claim 1, characterised in that the welt forms a complete ring.

33. (Original) Welt for positioning between adjoining components, in particular components used in the automobile industry, comprising a welt core, and a laterally protruding welt flap, characterised in that the welt flap comprises, several parts and is provided with at least one fastening element,

34. (Original) Welt according to claim 32, characterised in that the welt flap comprises a first fastening element operatively connected with a second fastening element that may be coupled to the welt flap.

35. (Currently Amended) Welt according to claim 32 ~~or 33~~, characterised in that the second fastening element is a metal clip.